

<p>1 Deposition of Mark Blaine Amerman 2 April 7, 2022 3 MR. JOHNSON: This will be the deposition of 4 Mark Amerman in the case of Octavio Cira versus 5 Henry County. The deposition is being taken at 6 the Henry County Administration Building. There 7 is a court reporter/notary present and will be 8 transcribing today's deposition. I ask that the 9 witness be sworn in at this time. 10 MARK BLAINE AMERMAN, 11 being produced and first duly sworn as a witness, 12 testified as follows: 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION 14 BY MR. JOHNSON: 15 Q Could you please state your full name for 16 the record and spell it. 17 A Mark Blaine Amerman. Mark, M-A-R-K. 18 Blaine, B-L-A-I-N-E. Amerman, A-M-E-R-M-A-N. 19 Q Okay. My name is Jess Johnson. I'm a 20 lawyer in Atlanta and I represent the Plaintiffs in 21 this case and you agreed to be here today to be 22 deposed; right? 23 A Correct. 24 Q Okay. Have you ever been deposed before? 25 A Once.</p>	<p>Page 5</p> <p>1 Q Okay. So do you know how this process 2 works? 3 A Based on my one-time experience, sure. 4 Q Okay. I'm going to be asking questions and 5 you are going to be answering the questions and you'll 6 be under oath. 7 You understand that; right? 8 A Yes. 9 Q If you have any questions or you are not 10 sure about what I've asked, just ask me to clarify and 11 I will. 12 A Yes, sir. 13 Q If you want to take a break, just let me 14 know and we'll take a break. 15 A Okay. 16 Q All right. So who are you employed with? 17 A Henry County Police Department. Henry 18 County Board of Commissioners. 19 Q How long have you been employed by them? 20 A 28 years. 21 Q Okay. And what is your title? 22 A Chief of police. 23 Q And how long have you held that title? 24 A Four years. 25 Q Okay. What was your title before that?</p>
<p>1 A Deputy police chief. 2 Q How long were you deputy police chief? 3 A Approximately four years. 4 Q Okay. Have you reviewed any materials in 5 preparation for today's deposition? 6 A Yes. We watched the video a little while 7 ago. 8 Q Okay. Do you know whose -- I'm assuming 9 it's body cam -- 10 A Yes. 11 Q -- video. Whose body cam? 12 A It was Hampton Police Department's. 13 Q Okay. Do you know which officer? 14 A I believe it was Lewis. 15 Q Is that the only thing you reviewed? 16 A Today, yes. 17 Q Okay. Can you describe your educational 18 background briefly? 19 A I have a bachelor's degree in criminal 20 justice and I'm one class away from my masters. 21 Q All right. Can you describe your employment 22 history beyond what you already have? 23 A I joined the Army in 1988 where I was an MP. 24 I did that for approximately 6 years, 8 months, 20 25 days. I don't know why I remember that but that's how</p>	<p>Page 7</p> <p>1 long I was in the Army where I was an MP. I rose to 2 the rank of sergeant before getting out. 3 Used my GI bill and put myself through the 4 police academy so that made for a smooth transition. 5 When I left the Army as an MP, I started the Henry 6 County Police Department as a patrolman. And then 7 I've worked my way up through the ranks up until being 8 chief of police. 9 Q When did you become a police officer? 10 A 1994. 11 Q Okay. So you've been an officer since '94? 12 A Yes, sir. 13 Q POST certified? 14 A Yes, sir. 15 Q Okay. Who do you report to? 16 A The county manager. 17 Q And who does the county manager report to? 18 A Board of Commissioners. 19 Q Okay. Is there an individual on the board 20 that you report to? 21 A No. 22 Q Okay. Only county manager? 23 A I'm a direct report to the county manager. 24 Q Who is the county manager? 25 A Cheri Matthews.</p>